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Dear DDD Consumer:

As you are aware, effective January 22, 2013, the eligibility regulations for the Division of Developmental Disabilities (Division) were changed to require Medicaid eligibility as a condition of receiving Division funded services. Pursuant to this regulation, individuals who are currently receiving Division funded services but are not Medicaid eligible were advised that they must enroll in order to ensure a continuation of services.

The Division continues to collect and review unique cases in which Medicaid Eligibility may be problematic. As such, we have identified a limited group of individuals who have never received an SSI benefit prior to receiving their current SSDI, due to a parent's retirement or survivor benefit. As a result of this benefit, which qualifies as income, they have been deemed ineligible for Medicaid. The Division designates this group of individuals as "Non-DAC".

Based on the information you provided to the Division, you have been categorized as "Non-DAC". **Until** further notice, the Division will continue to provide your current state-funded services while we work with Medicaid to identify eligibility solutions. Continuation of these services will be contingent on the final outcome of these policy decisions.

If you have any questions please contact your case manager, \_\_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely,

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